

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 123

To congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1993 National Basketball Association Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 1993

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. SIMON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1993 National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas the Chicago Bulls, battling injuries and fatigue, fought their way through a season filled with struggles to finish with a 57-25 record;

Whereas the Bulls roared through the playoffs, sweeping the Atlanta Hawks and Cleveland Cavaliers before defeating the favored New York Knicks in six games to return to the NBA Finals for the third straight year;

Whereas head coach Phil Jackson and the entire coaching staff skillfully led the Bulls through an exhausting 82-game regular season, while simultaneously conserving player energy and positioning the team for an aggressive, never say die, playoff run;

Whereas for the third consecutive year, Michael Jordan, averaging a record 41.0 points per game in the finals, was named playoff most valuable player, an honor that no other NBA player has ever received;

Whereas Scottie Pippen again exhibited his outstanding versatility, averaging 21.2 points, 9.1 rebounds, 7.6 assists and 2.0 steals per game in the finals;

Whereas the quickness and tireless defensive effort of Horace Grant keyed the Bulls front line and led to his game saving block in the final seconds of game six;

Whereas veteran center Bill Cartwright again frustrated the all-star caliber centers that he faced in this year's playoffs;

Whereas B.J. Armstrong, the league leader in three point field goal percentage, stepped up to play dogged defense and showed great composure in hitting several big shots when the Bulls needed them most;

Whereas John Paxson, after struggling through an injury-filled season, came off the bench to provide the Bulls with much needed spark and with 3.9 seconds left in game six, hit a three point field goal to propel the Bulls into NBA history;

Whereas the defense and rebounding of Scott Williams and Stacey King and the clutch shooting of Trent Tucker, each coming off the bench to provide valuable contributions, were an important part of each Bulls victory;

Whereas Will Perdue, Rodney McCray and Darrell Walker provided valuable contributions throughout the playoffs, both on and off the court, at times giving the Bulls the emotional lift they needed;

Whereas the Bulls hit a record 10 three point field goals in game six of the NBA Finals on their way to a Threepeat; and

Whereas the Bulls displayed the heart of a lion to become only the third team in NBA history, and the first in the past 27 years, to win three straight NBA championships: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate, for the third year in a row,
- 2 congratulates the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1993 Na-
- 3 tional Basketball Association championship.

